

The 2018 Golden Globe Race

01/02/2019

How the Race played out

01/07/2018: Race start from Les Sables d'Olonne. Philippe Pécché takes an immediate lead followed by Jean-Luc Van Den Heede and Mark Slats

05/07/2018: Slats holds 3-mile lead over Philippe Pécché

12/7/2018: Pécché sacrifices a 4 hour lead with navigation mistake at first Gate of Lanzarote - Mark Slats closes gap to 9 miles, Jean-Luc Van Den Heede is third

18/7/2018: Leads through the Doldrums

10/08/2018: Philippe Pécché reports loss of steerage in 50knot winds, 1,500nm west of Cape Town and is relegated to the Chichester Class after using his satellite phone. Later retires to Cape Town

02/09/2018: Jean-Luc Van Den Heede holds 900 mile lead over Mark Slats after Dutchman loses ground sailing the traditional clipper ship route on a westerly sweep around the South Atlantic High pressure system. While Pécché and Van Den Heede take a more direct route down the centre of the Atlantic.

23/08/2018: Jean-Luc Van Den Heede first to round Cape of Good Hope 34 days ahead of Sir Robin Knox-Johnston's record 50 years before.

22/09/2018: CODE RED ALERT after GGR fleet hit by massive Southern Ocean storm, Abhilash Tomy and Gregor McGuckin rolled and dismasted, Mark Slats experiences two major knock-downs

06/10/2018: Jean-Luc Van Den Heede arrives at Boatshed.com Hobart film gate at 21:30 UTC Friday 1,600 mile ahead of 2nd placed Mark Slats

15/10/2018: At 16:00 UTC Mark Slats suffered two knock-downs in quick succession and that he had been hit by a toolbox flying across the cabin which may have resulted in him sustaining a cracked rib.

21/10/2018: Mark Slats passes through Boatshed.com Hobart film gate

05/11/2018: At 1500hrs UTC Jean-Luc Van Den Heede suffers major knock-down and damage to rig 1,900 miles West of Cape Horn

08/11/2018: Jean-Luc Van Den Heede struggling with a damaged mast sustained during a storm 1,900 miles west of Cape Horn, has decided to continue in the race, has applied for a time penalty

09/11/2018: Jean-Luc Van Den Heede given 18 hour time penalty for improper use of GGR satellite phone

13/11/2018: Day 135: Jean-Luc Van Den Heede facing fresh storm Mark Slats has closed the gap on the race leader by 500 miles this week

23/11/2018: Jean-Luc Van Den Heede leads the Golden Globe Race fleet of solo sailors round Cape Horn at 19:16 UTC on Friday

02/12/2018: Day 155- Mark Slats rounded Cape Horn just before 06:00 UTC 8 days behind race leader, Jean-Luc Van Den Heede The Race is On!

03/12/2018: Race rule NOR 3.1.3.3 clarified: GPS Positions from GGR Tracker and AIS Marine Traffic.
GPS co-ordinates of GGR entrants from the GGR Live tracker or AIS Marine Traffic are forbidden to entrants.
1st offence: 48hrs time penalty
2nd offence: Disqualification

17/12/2018: Mark Slats takes a further 154 miles out Jean-Luc over the past 7 days, reducing the gap to 794 miles

05/01/19 - 07/01/2019: Jean-Luc Van Den Heede served out his 18 hour penalty on Saturday for improper use of his satellite phone and is now clear to race the remaining 2,150 miles to the finish at Les Sables d'Olonne. Mark Slats closes to within 417 mile

15/01/2019: Mark Slats now within 50 miles of Jean-Luc Van Den Heede in terms of distance to finish.

29/01/2019: Jean-Luc VDH wins the 2018GGR with time of 211d 23h 12m 19s, some 400 miles ahead of Mark Slats who receives 36hour time penalty for improper contact over the Sat Phone by his team manager. Slats heads for refuge in La Coruna to escape major storm forecast for Bay of Biscay.

30/01/2019: Atlantic storm changes direction, and Slats resumes course for Les Sables d'Olonne without seeking refuge in Port.

31/01/2019: Mark Slats crosses the finish line at 22:18:30 UTC to take 2nd place in 2018 Golden Globe Race to complete his circumnavigation in 214d 12h 18m 43s to which a 36 hour penalty is added.